However, short term safety and tolerance of single dose Nevirapine being used for mother-to-child transmission has been demonstrated in various clinical trials conducted World-wise.

Expenditure on Health

3502. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita expenditure on health programme in developed, semi-developed and under-developed countries; and

(b) how do we compare our expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b)A Statement showing annual per capita total expenditure on health at official exchange rate (in US $) in some developed, semi-developed and under developed countries is annexed.

Statement

Annual per capita expenditure on health in select developed, semi-developed and under developed countries

Country	Annual per capita total expenditure on Health at Official exchange rate (in US$)
U.S.A.	4055
Denmark	2737
Germany	2697
France	2297
Japan	2244
Canada	1847
Australia	1672
U.K.	1628
Malaysia	84
Thailand	71
China	34
Sri Lanka	29

Country	Annual per capita total expenditure on Health at Official exchange rate (in US $)
Bhutan	23
India	22
Pakistan	18
Bangladesh	12
Indonesia	12
Nepal	11
Afghanistan	8

Source: The World Health Report, 2001 Mental Health New Understanding, New Hope, Who, Geneva.

Annexure: Table 5 Selected National Health Accounts indicators for all member States, estimates for 1998.

Shortage of life-saving drugs in Government hospitals

†3503. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of life-saving medicines in Government hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government will consider taking necessary steps in this regard; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) 'Health' being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is the responsibility of the respective State Government to provide medical facilities in their hospitals according to the need of the people.

In so far as Central Government hospitals are concerned, no shortage of life saving medicines has been reported.

Shortage of hospital administrators

†3504 . SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the shortage of hospital administrators in view of the increasing population and streamlining the system in hospitals in the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.